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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated September 28, 2001, finally rejecting claims 6-8, 10, 20, 31-37 and 48.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 3 month(s) to and including March 28, 2002 is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$160 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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